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DATE: August 23, 2007

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE FILE NO. FO2192354

FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KEVIN A. GORAN, CAPTAIN
LENNOX STATION

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS USE OF FORCE**

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the review committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on April 2, 2007.

The Committee met on August 23, 2007, and consisted of me and Commanders Kenneth J. Brazile (FOR II), and Arthur Ng (FOR I). The Committee determined the use of force by Sergeant Glenn L. Brandon #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Deputy Gonzalo Galvez #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] and Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] was within Department policy.

Please advise all personnel of this finding.

The Committee directs the unit commander to conduct a debriefing of the incident with the involved personnel regarding barricaded tactics policies and procedures. Documentation of the debriefing must be sent to the Executive Force Review Committee.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A Tradition of Service

DATE: August 9, 2007

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. FO2192354

FROM: JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**
SERGEANT GLENN L. BRANDON, #[redacted]
DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]
DEPUTY GONZALO GALVEZ, #[redacted]
DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]
DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]
DEPUTY [redacted] #[redacted]
LENNOX STATION

On April 2, 2007, Deputies received a call of an "Assault with a Deadly Weapon Just Occurred" and responded to a small trailer park. The 83 year-old female victim told deputies that a few minutes prior to their arrival, Suspect Lorenzo Perez had used a crowbar to strike her and knock her to the ground. Suspect Perez then fled into a nearby trailer. The victim did not know if the suspect lived at that particular trailer or whether or not there were other victims inside the trailer. No one else at the trailer park knew who owned or lived in the trailer.

Sergeant Brandon and the involved deputies formulated a tactical plan then forcibly entered the trailer and confronted the suspect. Suspect Perez refused to cooperate and reached in the direction of the crowbar which was laying on the floor. Deputies used the TASER, personal weapons, and flashlight strikes to overcome his fighting until he was restrained and arrested.

Suspect Perez sustained a fracture and two inch laceration to his right elbow from flashlight strikes. He also sustained bruises and abrasions to his face and forehead during the fight. Following the incident, Suspect Perez was transported to Centinela Freeman Medical Center for medical treatment and approval for booking.

On August 9, 2007, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Sergeant Brandon was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy [redacted] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Galvez was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

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MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

JGJ:MOT:mt

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN:	407-03146-0333-054	Date:	04-02-07	Time:	1734 hrs.
Location:	[redacted] Manhattan Beach Boulevard				
City or Station:	Lawndale				
Bureau/Station/Facility:	Lennox Station	Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒			

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	83	adult

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Brandon	Glenn		Sgt.	YES ☒ NO ☐	YES ☒ NO ☐
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Guevara	David	B.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	McCorkle	Mark	A.

Watch Commander's Signature: [signature] Emp #: [redacted]

Copy Provided to Employee by: ______________ Emp #: ______

Supervisor Completing Form: David J. Stunson (Print) Emp #: [redacted]

Unit Commanders Signature: ______________ Emp #: ______ Date Signed: ______

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Original: Unit Commander
Copy: P.S.T.D.Headquarters, Employee

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URN: 407-03146-0333-054

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE APPLIED

(Only One Code Per Block)

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
E#1	S#1	PH	AB	CH/FA
E#2	S#1	FL/HB	FR/LC	EL
E#3	S#1	TR/HB	PW	HD
E#4	S#1	PH	NN	
E#5	S#1	PH	NN	
S#1	E#1	PK/PH	AB	AR
S#1	E#3	PK	BR	CH
S#1	E#4	PH/RH	NN	
S#1	E#5	PH	NN	

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
INVOLVED EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

URN: 407-03146-0333-054

Involved Employee

E1
Employee # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name [redacted]
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5-06 | Weight: 160
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case # | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E2
Employee # [redacted] Last Name Galvez First Name Gonzalo Middle Name nmn
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: H | Unit of Assignment: Lennox Station | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 35
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☒ PM | ☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 6-00 | Weight: 180
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case# | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E3
Employee # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name [redacted]
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: W. | Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5-07 | Weight: 140
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case# | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E4
Employee # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name [redacted]
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: W. | Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 6-04 | Weight: 225
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case# | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E5
Employee # [redacted] Last Name [redacted] First Name [redacted] Middle Name [redacted]
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female | Race: B. | Unit of Assignment: [redacted] | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day [redacted] PM | [redacted] Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: [redacted] | Height: 5-11 | Weight: 200
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case# | Directed Force ☒ Significant Force ☐

E_
Employee # Last Name First Name Middle Name
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female | Race: | Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM | ☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty | Age: | Height: | Weight:
Medical Exam/Treatment ☐ | If Admitted, Name of Hospital: | Coroner Case# | Directed Force ☐ Significant Force ☐

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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION

URN: 407-03146-0333-054

Suspect Information

S1

Last Name	Perez	First Name	Lorenzo	Middle Name	Marquez
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	

Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
☒ Male ☐ Female	H	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Armed?
[redacted]	[redacted]	26	5-09	08-16-80	260	☒

Booking #: 9742717 Primary Charge: 245(a)(1) PC Secondary Charge: Criminal History [redacted]

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Centinela Freeman Regional Med. Center Coroner Case#: Mental History ☒

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☒ NO Substance: ______ Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☒ YES ☐ NO

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:		
04-02-07	2300	Audiotape: ☒	Videotape: ☒

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	

Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
☐ Male ☐ Female				

Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Armed?
						☐

Booking #: Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: Criminal History ☐

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case#: Mental History ☐

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: ______ Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☐ YES ☐ NO

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:		
		Audiotape: ☐	Videotape: ☐

Suspect Information

S_

Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	

Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
☐ Male ☐ Female				

Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B.	Weight:	Armed?
						☐

Booking #: Primary Charge: Secondary Charge: Criminal History ☐

Hospital Admission? ☐ Rec'd Treatment At: Coroner Case#: Mental History ☐

Under Influence: ☐ YES ☐ NO Substance: ______ Photos of Suspect's Injuries ☐ YES ☐ NO

Suspect Interview

Date:	Time:		
		Audiotape: ☐	Videotape: ☐

INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE
USE OF FORCE
LENNOX STATION

TYPE: **TASER, FLASHLIGHT, HANDS**

I.A.B. File Number: FO2192354
URN: 407-03146-0333-054

DATE / DAY / TIME: April 2, 2007 / Monday / 1734 hrs.

LOCATION: [redacted] Manhattan Beach Boulevard., Lawndale 90260

On Monday, April 2, 2007, at 2130 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau Response Team members Lieutenant Don Slawson and Sergeants David Stunson and Jack Ramirez responded to Lennox Station regarding a mentally ill suspect who sustained a fractured right elbow resulting from an altercation where deputies used the Taser, flashlight strikes and punches to subdue and arrest the suspect.

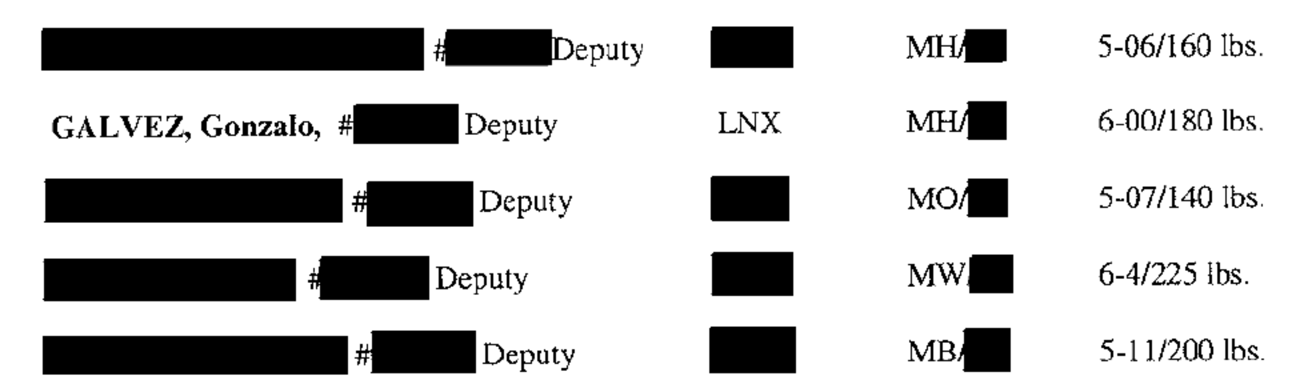
Deputies received a call of an "Assault with a Deadly Weapon Just Occurred" and responded to a small trailer park. The 83 year old female victim told arriving deputies Suspect Lorenzo Perez had used a crowbar to strike her and knock her to the ground (refer to **Exhibit C, figure 15**). She said the incident occurred only a few minutes prior to deputies' arrival and the angry suspect fled into a nearby trailer (refer to **Exhibit C, figures 1 & 2**). The victim did not know if the suspect lived at that particular trailer or whether or not there were other potential victims inside the trailer. No one at the trailer park knew of who owned or resided in the trailer.

Concerned there may be additional people assaulted, Sergeant Brandon and the involved deputies formulated a plan which included designating tasks and options to be used when contacting the suspect. Personnel then forcibly entered the trailer and confronted the suspect who refused to cooperate and at one point, reached in the direction of the crowbar, which was on the floor. Deputies used the Taser, punches, and flashlight strikes to overcome the resistence of the suspect prior to taking him into custody.

The narrative of this incident is based on information obtained from related reports and interviews of involved employees and witnesses.

(Refer to **Exhibit A & B,** Incident and Supplementary Reports, and **Exhibit C**).

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:



[redacted] #[redacted]	Deputy	[redacted]	MH/[redacted]	5-06/160 lbs.
GALVEZ, Gonzalo, #[redacted]	Deputy	LNX	MH/[redacted]	6-00/180 lbs.
[redacted] #[redacted]	Deputy	[redacted]	MO/[redacted]	5-07/140 lbs.
[redacted] #[redacted]	Deputy	[redacted]	MW/[redacted]	6-4/225 lbs.
[redacted] #[redacted]	Deputy	[redacted]	MB/[redacted]	5-11/200 lbs.

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Deputy [redacted] is a 10 year Department veteran and has worked at Lennox Station for four years.

Deputy Galvez is a 7 year Department veteran who has worked at Lennox Station for one year.

Deputy [redacted] is a 17 year Department veteran who has worked at Lennox Station for 7 years.

Deputy [redacted] is a 7 year Department veteran who has worked at Lennox Station for 6 years.

Deputy [redacted] is a 7 year Department veteran who has worked at Lennox Station for 1 ½ years.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS:

BRANDON, Glenn L., Sergeant, #[redacted]
Lennox Station

CIVILIAN WITNESS:

[redacted] FW/83
Lawndale

INJURIES:

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] sustained bruises and abrasions to both arms but the injuries were not serious enough to cause him to be placed IOD (refer to **Exhibit C, figures 13 & 14**).

Suspect Perez

Suspect Perez sustained a fracture and two inch laceration to his right elbow due to flashlight strikes to his elbow. He also sustained bruises and abrasions to his face and forehead during the altercation with involved deputies preceding his arrest (refer to **Exhibit C, figures 10, 11 & 12**). He sustained one superficial puncture wound from a Taser dart on the outside of his left hand.

Following the incident, Suspect Perez was transported to Centinela Freeman Medical Center for medical treatment. X-rays showed the fractured right elbow (refer to **Exhibit F, Medical Records for Suspect Perez**).

On the night of Suspect Perez's arrest the treating physician, Dr. Lippman, spoke with Sergeant Glenn Brandon about the type of force used during the incident. Dr. Lippman told Sergeant Brandon she found the injuries consistent with the reported blunt force trauma which would have been caused by multiple flashlight strikes and punches to the face, elbow and torso as reported by the involved deputies.

CRIMINAL CHARGES:

PEREZ, Lorenzo Marquez BKG. # 9742717 MH/26 5-09/225 lbs.

Inmate Perez was booked on charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon for his attack on Victim Kingdon and of Battery on a Peace Officer for his altercation with deputies during their attempt to arrest him.

Prior arrests include: [redacted] [redacted]

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED:

Lennox Station Detectives

Detective Jose A. Espino #[redacted]

245(a)(1) 69 P.C. (with enhancements for use of a weapon and for attack on victim older than 60 years old)

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

Crowbar (**see Exhibit C, figure 15**).

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The IAB investigator obtained and reviewed a DVD recording provided by Lennox Sergeant Glenn Brandon. The recording contained an interview Sergeant Brandon completed with Suspect Perez at the Centinela Hospital emergency room. Suspect Perez was asked what happened in his contact with deputies. He replied, "They came into my trailer." When prompted to elaborate on what happened when deputies came into the trailer he said, "I'm not sure." When asked how his elbow was injured, he said, "I'm not sure." The video recording included some close-up frames of his lacerated/fractured elbow.

The IAB investigator returned to the location two days after the incident and checked for possible resident witnesses and/or evidence of any surveillance cameras in the trailer park or adjoining properties and found none of either.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Taser, flashlight, hands, body weight, fists.

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Inmate Perez:

Hands, feet, legs - pushing and flailing his arms and legs.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

None.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS:

Sergeant Brandon:

Sergeant Brandon was interviewed the night of the incident (on April 2, 2007), at the Lennox Station by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Stunson and Jack Ramirez. The interview was audio recorded.

Sergeant Brandon was assigned as a field sergeant (Unit 31S) and was at the Lawndale Sub-Station when he heard an Assault with a Deadly Weapon Just Occurred emergent call over his radio which included a Code 3 response. Added information in the call indicated the suspect "was hitting an elderly woman with a crowbar." Sergeant Brandon responded from the sub-station to the 4400 block of Manhattan Beach Boulevard in Lawndale, which is a small trailer park. He contacted the handling unit, Deputy [redacted] Unit [redacted] and Deputy Galvez, Unit 35, both of whom had arrived a few

moments prior. He met with the deputies as other units arrived and learned that the victim was an 83 year old woman and the suspect allegedly used an approximate 3 feet long crowbar to hit her and knock her to the ground. Personnel were told by the victim that the suspect confronted her right after she exited the vehicle she parked on the street in front of the trailer park and he got angry after telling her to move it. She said she told the suspect that she would only be a moment as she was waiting to pick up a resident. She said the suspect became enraged and attacked her with the crowbar. Sergeant Brandon saw the victim standing nearby and noted she had "quite a bit of blood on her shirt sleeve."

Deputy [redacted] told Sergeant Brandon the victim and a witness [redacted] said the suspect fled with his crowbar (refer to **Exhibit C, figure 15**), into an approximate 28 feet long trailer home which was located in the first space closest to the street (refer **Exhibit C, figures 1 & 2**). The victim and witness did not know who lived in the trailer. They did not know if any other people may be inside the trailer (who could potentially become victims should the suspect continue his violent behavior).

Handling Deputy [redacted] proposed to Sergeant Brandon that personnel enter the trailer and arrest the suspect before he could harm anyone else. Brandon said he pre-planned with the deputies what actions which particular deputies would carry out upon entry of the trailer should the suspect still be inside and should he become violent with them. Sergeant Brandon said he designated Deputy Galvez enter first and be armed with a handgun. The second in was Deputy [redacted] who was assigned to handle the Taser; third was Deputy [redacted] who would illuminate the interior and be prepared to use physical means to handcuff the suspect; fourth was Deputy [redacted] who was armed with an Arwen and fifth was Deputy [redacted] who would also illuminate the interior and be ready to assist in physically handcuffing the suspect. Sergeant Brandon would go in last. Each deputy acknowledged their understanding of their designated function upon entry.

During this planning discussion, Sergeant Brandon told deputies if they encountered the suspect inside the trailer and he became combative at any point, he wanted the suspect "tased." He said obviously, if the suspect still possessed and tried to use the crowbar or any other dangerous weapon while the deputies encountered him, the designated shooter was available to deal with that potential. The Arwen was brought in to be available if it could be appropriately utilized. Sergeant Brandon stressed that there was limited room to operate inside the cramped trailer.

Sergeant Brandon said following announcement of their presence and demand for entry they began the entry by trying to open the door but it was locked or tied shut from the inside. They obtained a crowbar from Fire Department personnel who were already on scene to treat the victim and forcibly opened the door with the crowbar. Personnel announced their presence as they entered the trailer in the order designated by Sergeant Brandon. They did not hear any response or sounds of movement following their announcement and entry. They methodically cleared the front portion and hallway before entering the rear sleeping area where they encountered the suspect. He heard the sound of a hallway curtain being drawn open by one of the deputies in front of him. He then heard

deputies make contact with the suspect in the rear sleeping area and commands being issued, "Let's see your hands. Let me see your hands."

As the deputies continued their contact with Suspect Perez, Sergeant Brandon then heard some movement and heard the Taser being fired and being cycled for about five seconds. He then "heard quite a bit more movement" and from a position behind the deputies and looking over them, perhaps at the beginning of the short hallway, he saw deputies struggling with the suspect in the sleeping area. He heard them trying to verbally coordinate their attempts to get him handcuffed. He heard one deputy yelling, "I can't see his hands. I can't see his hands." He heard numerous deputies say, "Grab his arms. Grab his arms." He saw multiple deputies trying to grab hold of the suspect's arms and legs. He then saw Deputy Galvez "make a striking motion" at the suspect while holding a flashlight about four times but did not see specifically where the strikes were aimed or if they hit their specific intended body part of the suspect.

He said right after the flashlight strikes, Deputy [redacted] turned and handed Sergeant Brandon the Arwen because [redacted] determined the Arwen would not be used and he wanted to assist in handcuffing the suspect. Sergeant Brandon set the Arwen down behind him, a safe distance away from where the physical struggle was taking place. He noticed deputies had the suspect handcuffed and Deputy [redacted] was at the suspect's feet near the couch-bed immobilizing the suspect's kicking legs. Sergeant Brandon then directed Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] to pull the suspect by his feet out from the trailer. He said there was no other way to remove him due to the narrow passageways inside the trailer. The suspect was pulled completely out of the trailer and placed on the sidewalk where awaiting Fire Department paramedics examined and treated the suspect. Sergeant Brandon noted the suspect's legs had been hobbled.

Sergeant Brandon did not see any other force used by deputies due to the confined area inside the trailer. He estimated the struggle lasted at least one and half minutes. After the incident, deputies told him when they arrived at the rear sleeping area, the suspect was sitting on the bed, wearing gloves and a knit cap, and would not respond to any commands from deputies. As deputies got closer to him, the suspect rolled over and began reaching toward the crowbar (refer to **Exhibit C, figure 15**) which was on the floor near the bed. Brandon was told after Deputy [redacted] attempted use of the Taser on the suspect and found it had no effect (due to the suspect wearing multiple layers of clothing), [redacted] handed the Taser to Deputy Galvez who removed the Taser cartridge and administered a contact shot on the suspect. Galvez said he believed the contact shot had little or no effect on the suspect's torso. Deputies [redacted] and [redacted] said they hobbled the suspect's legs.

Sergeant Brandon saw a Taser dart injury on the suspect's left hand and was told the other dart landed on the suspect's jacket. Sergeant Brandon said he spoke with the emergency room doctor who showed him the X-ray showing the fractured elbow. She told the sergeant the fracture was consistent with a flashlight strike as reported by Deputy Galvez.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS:

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was interviewed the night of the incident (on April 2, 2007), at the Lennox Station by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Stunson and Jack Ramirez. The interview was audio recorded. He told investigators he has been on the Sheriff's Department for ten years, four of them at Lennox Station.

Deputy [redacted] said he was assigned the handle on a "assault with a deadly weapon now" call with a "Code 3" response. He said the call information also included that a suspect was striking a female with a crowbar. He said Sergeant Brandon arrived at about the same time as he did and he ([redacted]) contacted the victim. She told him the male Hispanic suspect had pushed her with a crowbar which caused her to fall to the curb onto her arm which she injured. He noted blood soaked shirt sleeve and bandages on her arm. After the attack, she told [redacted] she saw the suspect flee to a nearby trailer which she pointed out.

Deputy [redacted] had the trailer contained by assisting deputies and then discussed the scenario with Sergeant Brandon to determine the best course of action for apprehending and preventing the suspect from potentially hurting anyone else. After specific roles were assigned to each deputy, Deputy [redacted] made "numerous announcements" they were present and seeking entry but they heard no response. [redacted] forced the locked door open with a crowbar and deputies entered in order, first to last, Deputy Galvez, [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] Deputy [redacted] noted it was "completely dark inside" and they could only see with flashlights.

As they cleared the front of the trailer, they came to and opened a "partition" which enabled Deputy [redacted] to see the crowbar described by the victim, placed in an upright position near the suspect's bed at the rear of the trailer. He also saw the suspect laying on the bed and wearing gloves and a ski mask pulled down over his head. Deputies ordered the suspect to "show his hands, stand up, turn around," but the suspect was unresponsive.

At this point, Deputy [redacted] moved forward to the sleeping area and got onto the bed, grabbing hold of the suspect's left arm in an attempt to handcuff it. The suspect was resisting his effort. He also noted the suspect's right hand was tucked underneath his stomach and Deputy Galvez was ordering the suspect to show his right hand. The suspect was continuing to resist and was kicking his legs at the deputies. [redacted] sustained several abrasions on his arms during the altercation (refer **Exhibit C, figures 13 & 14**). He said he and Galvez were ultimately able to pry the suspect's hand out from under him and get him handcuffed. Due to the suspect continuing to kick the deputies even after being handcuffed, the suspect was dragged out from the trailer, hobbled and then was treated by Fire Department paramedics.

Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy Galvez strike the suspect at least two times during the altercation but he did not see specifically where. Also during the altercation, he saw Deputy [redacted] fire the Taser at

the suspect but it appeared not to work. Deputy [redacted] said that because the suspect was near the crowbar, they were concerned he would retrieve it and perhaps use it on one of them. Their efforts were meant to prevent his gaining control of it.

Deputy Galvez:

Deputy Galvez was interviewed the night of the incident (on April 2, 2007), at the Lennox Station by Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeants David Stunson and Jack Ramirez. The interview was audio recorded. Deputy Galvez is an seven year veteran and has been assigned to Lennox Station for one year.

Deputy Galvez said he was assigned an assist on the "245 Now" call and arrived about the same time Deputy [redacted] did. They contacted the victim, Ms. [redacted] who said the suspect fled on foot into a trailer after he attacked her. She did not know if the suspect lived in the trailer or not and she did not know if there were others inside the trailer. She was obviously injured because Galvez saw blood on her shirt.

Deputy Galvez said after speaking with the victim, deputies on scene shared information with Sergeant Brandon who was also on scene. A plan to enter the trailer was devised which included designating individual responsibility to each deputy. He said he was the designated shooter should deadly force be needed. Following establishment of the entry plan, Deputy [redacted] knocked on the door, demanded entry, but there was no response. He tried the door but the suspect had apparently tied it closed with some rope or twine. Deputy [redacted] pried the trailer door open and Deputy Galvez entered first, followed by the other deputies who carefully entered in single file behind him. Galvez said the trailer interior was very dark.

Deputy Galvez carefully cleared the first room with his Beretta pistol drawn and his flashlight illuminating the interior. He moved from the front end of the trailer before coming to a curtain which had been pulled closed in the hallway midway into the trailer. Galvez said he carefully pulled the curtain back and cleared the hallway before approaching the back sleeping area where he saw the suspect laying on a bed. The room was strewn with debris and Galvez noticed a black and yellow crowbar (see **Exhibit C, figure 15**) propped up near the bed. Deputy Galvez yelled at the suspect, "Show me your hands," but the suspect did not respond and remained still. Deputy [redacted] was right behind Deputy Galvez at this point.

Deputy Galvez repeated orders for the suspect to show his hands when the suspect "rolled off the bed" and onto the floor and then rapidly moved toward the location of the crowbar, about a two foot distance from the base of the bed. Deputy Galvez said Deputy [redacted] who was standing behind Galvez, fired his M-26 Taser at the suspect with one dart lodging into the outer layer of Suspect Perez' clothing and the other into his hand. [redacted] activated the Taser but it had no apparent effect on the suspect except for the suspect re-locating in a rolling motion partially back onto the bed.

Deputy Galvez said he ordered the suspect to lay on his stomach and cease fighting but the suspect continued fighting off the deputies by rolling toward the crowbar and swinging his arms and legs at the deputies. Deputy Galvez saw Deputy [redacted] squeeze into the small room/sleeping area and then jump onto the bed trying to get a hold of the suspect and stop his movement toward the crowbar.

Deputy Galvez saw Deputy [redacted] grab hold of the suspect's torso and try to position him onto his stomach but as he was doing so, the suspect placed his right hand underneath a blanket which was folded on the bed where the suspect was positioned. At this point, Galvez noticed the suspect was now laying on his side and he began kicking Deputy [redacted] Fearing the suspect may be retrieving a weapon from beneath the blanket and his refusing to show his right hand, Deputy Galvez struck the suspect four times on his right elbow with his flashlight in an attempt to stop the suspect from hurting the deputies. The strikes did not stop the suspect and he kicked Deputy [redacted] in the chest. Deputy Galvez then took the M-26 Taser from Deputy [redacted] and administered a contact shot to Suspect Perez' stomach area. Not only did this not stop the suspect's fighting and resistance but it appeared to enrage him and he continued to kick and thrash his body from side to side while trying to get to his feet.

Deputies were ultimately able to handcuff the suspect and pull him out of the trailer but the suspect continued to fight and struggle once outside. As Suspect Perez swung his legs from side to side, Deputy Galvez helped Deputy [redacted] employ the RIPP Hobble to the suspect's ankles. This action completed physically controlling the suspect for examination by Fire Department paramedics who had arrived to the location.

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] indicated he and other deputies who arrived at the call forcibly entered the trailer and one of the deputies made repeated verbal announcements of their presence and their command for him to come out to the deputies. He said they initially heard nothing from Suspect Perez. As deputies progressed further into the trailer's hallway to the rear, [redacted] heard Deputy Galvez repeatedly ordering the suspect to show himself but still, [redacted] could see not hear any response.

As deputies approached and went beyond a sliding partition which separated the hall from the darkened rear bedroom/sleeping area, Deputy [redacted] could see the suspect laying on a bed with his left hand tucked underneath his body. [redacted] ordered the suspect to show his hands but the suspect would not comply. He repeated this order and the suspect again declined to comply.

Deputy [redacted] said he had been advised during the pre-entry briefing, that the suspect had assaulted an elderly woman with a crowbar. In [redacted] mind, the suspect may still have at least the crowbar and perhaps another weapon, and he believed the suspect may have been in the frame of mind to use the weapon on deputies. [redacted] also noted a crowbar within reach of the suspect's position on the bed. Based on what he believed was a dangerous situation which could result in injury to deputies, and coupled with Deputy Galvez saying, "Tase him!, Tase him!," Deputy [redacted] deployed the M-26 Taser

and tased the suspect on the chest. The suspect suddenly jerked and faced toward the deputies while he was still on the bed.

As he tried to cycle the Taser, Deputy [redacted] saw the suspect start to remove the Taser barbs from his clothing. [redacted] heard Deputy Galvez order the suspect to lay on his stomach but the suspect refused. [redacted] saw Deputy Galvez grab hold of the suspect's left arm and turn him onto his stomach. While Galvez was doing this, the suspect continued to resist and tried to turn around, swinging his arms back toward deputies in an apparent attempt to assault the deputies.

While trying to restrain the suspect, Deputy [redacted] handed the Taser off to Deputy Galvez. The suspect continued thrashing around on the bed, kicking at deputies. Deputy [redacted] said he was kicked in his chest by the suspect which knocked him backward. [redacted] then grabbed hold of the suspect's right leg while another deputy (unknown which deputy) grabbed hold of Suspect Perez' left leg.

During the struggle, deputies were able to handcuff the suspect. [redacted] said that due to Suspect Perez' violently struggling, his weight (estimated by Deputy [redacted] at 250 lbs.) and due to the limited space inside the trailer, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] dragged the suspect out of the trailer. Once outside, Deputy [redacted] and Deputy Galvez applied the RIPP Hobble to the suspect's ankles to prevent his continued kicking at personnel.

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] said he was working in Unit [redacted] P.M.s with Deputy [redacted] when they responded to the call, arrived at the location and contacted handling unit Deputy Galvez. Galvez briefed them on the circumstances and the suspect's having fled into the trailer. Deputies waited until field sergeant Sergeant Brandon arrived before developing a tactical plan to enter and arrest the suspect. Deputies made forced entry into the trailer and when the suspect was sighted in the trailer, Deputy Galvez commanded the suspect to make his presence known. [redacted] noted there was no lighting inside the trailer.

Deputy [redacted] said Deputy Galvez ordered the suspect to come out with his hands raised but the suspect did not comply. [redacted] said one of the deputies said the suspect was on the bed, in the corner. [redacted] could not see where the suspect was located because he was the fourth deputy in the line of deputies who entered the narrow corridor. [redacted] heard his partner Deputy [redacted] repeatedly order the suspect to show his hands and then heard [redacted] activate the Taser. While Deputy [redacted] heard the Taser cycling, he heard a deputy announce that the suspect was removing the Taser barbs. [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] get knocked back suddenly and he now saw the suspect violently kicking at deputies in the rear bedroom area. Deputy [redacted] said he advanced forward in the corridor toward the suspect's location and tried to grab the suspect's legs but was kicked in the shoulder.

Deputy [redacted] saw Deputy [redacted] grab hold of the suspect's left arm while the suspect was continuing to fight and kick. [redacted] heard one of the deputies say, "Can someone hobble him so we

can control his legs?" [redacted] yelled at the suspect to cease fighting but the suspect continued resisting, kicking and fighting. At this point, Deputy [redacted] attempted to gain control of Suspect Perez' right arm and pull it behind the suspect's back but he was unsuccessful. [redacted] then saw Deputy Galvez strike the suspect three or four times on the suspect's right side with his flashlight. [redacted] said this enabled him to place a wrist lock on the suspect's right hand and get the suspect's right arm behind his back. Deputy [redacted] then handcuffed the suspect's right wrist to his left wrist with a second pair of handcuffs, with the assistance of Deputy [redacted] who was holding the suspect's left wrist in place. [redacted] said deputies then pulled the suspect out from the narrow confines of the trailer.

Deputy [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] indicated he responded to the location of the call and participated in the tactical briefing with Sergeant Brandon. The sergeant directed Deputy [redacted] be armed with the Arwen when the group of personnel entered the trailer. [redacted] said due to the darkened interior and his position behind deputies, he was not able to see the suspect's position but he could hear deputies ordering him to come out and to show his hands. Soon after, he heard Deputy [redacted] (standing to [redacted] front and right), deploy the M-26 Taser.

Deputy [redacted] said the suspect became "highly assaultive" when deputies tried handcuffing him. From his limited view, Deputy [redacted] said he saw the suspect swinging his arms and kicking at deputies. He also saw Suspect Perez kick Deputy [redacted] with such force to knock him backward and off balance into an interior wall of the trailer. Seeing this, Deputy [redacted] handed the Arwen to Sergeant Brandon so he could concentrate on attempting to control the suspect's kicking legs.

He said he saw Deputy Galvez strike the suspect "a couple of times with his flashlight" and then Deputy [redacted] immediately grabbed the suspect's left leg, immobilizing him. [redacted] said the suspect was handcuffed within "moments" after this.

Deputy [redacted] said due to the narrow passageway inside the trailer, he and Deputy [redacted] "dragged Suspect Perez outside the trailer by his legs." Once outside, [redacted] saw Deputies Galvez and [redacted] applied the RIPP Hobble to the suspect's ankles to prevent his further assaulting deputies.

CIVILIAN WITNESS:

[redacted]

Ms. [redacted] ndicated she was assaulted by Suspect Perez who shoved her with a crowbar. She told deputies when she arrived at the location to pick up her [redacted] and parked her vehicle at the curb in front of the trailer park, the suspect confronted her accusing her of parking at a red curb. He told her to move the car but she told him the curb was not red. She said he was holding a crowbar while she was standing on the sidewalk near her car and he got angry with her. The suspect pushed her with

the crowbar which caused her to be knocked off balance, off the curb and land on the street. She said the suspect then fled into a nearby trailer just prior to deputies' arrival. She advised them of the suspect's whereabouts and a Fire Department paramedic vehicle arrived. She was seen by paramedics outside while deputies entered the trailer and she did not see any of the force that occurred inside the trailer.

SUSPECT STATEMENT:

Inmate [redacted] was interviewed by IAB Sergeants Stunson and Ramirez at the Lennox Station jail following treatment he received Centinela Hospital. The interview was audio recorded. The suspect had a cast on his left arm/elbow. He appeared to be either under the influence of heavy medication or suffering from some form of mental illness.

When asked to describe what happened at the trailer during his encounter with deputies, he said he did not know what happened. He heard deputies yelling at him to come out but he did not know how his elbow was injured or if anyone else was involved in injuring his elbow. He did not remember any force being used on him.